

## REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-18, and 20-22 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-18, and 20 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of these claims. By this amendment, claims 21 and 22 are amended. No new matter is introduced. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification.

### Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gabor. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference,” Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); see also MPEP § 2131. Gabor fails to describe an electronic circuit comprising:

a resistor, a capacitor and transistor electrically connected in series to the primary portion of the transformer, wherein the capacitor interacts with a current through the resistor to limit a slew rate of a gate voltage on the transistor, which in turn limits a slew rate of the transformer primary voltage as in claim 21. Therefore, claim 21 is not anticipated by Gabor. Allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested.

### Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being rendered obvious by Gabor in view of Wolf. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness ... the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991) and MPEP § 2142. The combination of Gabor and Wolf fail to teach or suggest a method comprising:

controlling a slew rate of a voltage in the secondary portion of the transformer for a sufficient amount of time to cause the discharge current to go to zero as in claim 22. Therefore, claim 22 is not rendered obvious by Gabor. Allowance of claim 22 is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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